suitable disciplinary action is taken in accordance with the rules.

Ensuring better functioning of IAAI and NAA

920. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received, representations that IAAI and the NAA should be better supervised;

(b) what steps Government propose to take to ensure better functioning of these two bodies;

(c) whether it is a fact that no senior officials ever visited the Airports at rush hours to see the travail of the passengers; and

(d) what guidelines are proposed to be issued to ensure that some mandatory visits to airports by senior officers take place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (d) IAAI and NAA are by and large functioning satisfactorily. At the airports, senior officers are normally available to supervise facilitation of passengers during rush hours. Officers from Headquarters also pay surprise visits to airports to monitor the working. A system of periodic inspection by Senior officers is also in vogue.

Increasing berthing charges for fishing vessels

921. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU; Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that berthing charges and other expenses are continuously increasing for fishing vessels in Tamil Nadu;

(b) what are the reasons for increases in chrges when the shipping industry is in doldrums; and

(c) what are the reasons for not reversing such charges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT); (a) to (c) Berthing charges on vessels are revised to meet operating expenditure. However, in respect of the Fisting Harbours at Tuticorin and Madras no revision has taken place recently,

Proposal to amend rules for grant of Arjun Award

922. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA; Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government propose to amend the rules for the grant of Arjun Awards;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD
DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGRET ALVA): (a) to (c) Government has decided to increase the cash component of the Arjuna Award from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 20,000. The amount of Rs. 4,000 was fixed several years ago and was considered inadequate.

Ignoring of Fire Brigade advice while constructing Sahar Airport

923. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of a CIVIL